

BIOGRAPHIES OF FEATURED GUESTS

Charles Chibitty was part of the Army's 4th Signal Company known as the Code Talkers. The Comanche Code Talkers, like the Choctaws of World War I and the Navajos in the Pacific Theater, used their Native language to prevent the enemies of the European Theater from intercepting messages of the allied troops during World War II. Mr. Chibitty is the last surviving member of the elite Comanche Code Talkers. In a formal ceremony at the Pentagon on November 20, 2001, Mr Chibitty was presented with the Knowlton Award in recognition of his significant contributions to military intelligence efforts.



Mary Youngblood is Aleut (Alaska) and Seminole (Florida) and one of the Native American communities most respected artists. Ms. Youngblood has an established musical background playing and studying the classical flute, guitar, piano, and vocals for over 20 years. She has also done back up vocals, songwriting, and instrumentation on friends' albums, church choirs and midnight jam sessions. When Ms. Youngblood performs, it takes only a moment to recognize the profound spirituality of the sacred Native American flute. Her haunting music is much more than a song, it is liquid poetry, a prayer.



Jeffrey Barehand is a proud descendant of rich American Indian heritage spending most of his formative years on the beautiful reservation of the great Navajo Nation in Arizona. Jeff is a full time student at Arizona State University seeking concurrent degrees in French and American Indian Studies. As part of his studies he has traveled quite extensively throughout Western and Eastern Europe, Africa, South and North America. Mr. Barehand is here in Washington, D.C., for the fall semester participating in the Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS) Program through American University.



The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH

**Opening Ceremony Program
November 6, 2002
10:00 a.m. – Noon**

Blessing	Carl Etsitty (OPPTS) Microbiologist
Opening Remarks	Fredericka Joseph (OCR) National American Indian Employment Program Manager
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Shana Arnold , (OECA) Senior Enforcement Attorney
Keynote Speaker	Mr. Charles Chibitty
Introduction of Musical Performer	Nigel Simon (OIA) Diversity Action Team Leader
Vocal Musical Selection Guitar Accompanist	Mary Youngblood Jerry Daub
Introduction of Student Intern Speaker	Esther Jones (ORD) Program Analyst
Words from Our Next Generation	Jeffrey Barehand WINS Intern
Vocal Musical Selection Guitar Accompanist	Mary Youngblood Jerry Daub
Closing	Fredericka Joseph

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- American Indian Environmental Office(AIEO)
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- Office of International Affairs (OIA)

Food sampling for today's program was prepared and presented by **Mr. Pete Yazzie, a Dine' from New Mexico**. Mr. Yazzie was born to the Bittersweet and Bear Clan. He is a former ironworker who now makes his living as an artist in the fields of silverwork and metal sculpting.

Other AIHM Program Information

In observance of National American Indian Heritage Month, EPA has joined with the Federal Triangle Complex Agencies (Department of Commerce, U.S. Customs Service, and U.S. Agency for International Development) to sponsor the following event:

- **Opening Ceremony on November 20, 2002,**
- **Department of Commerce Auditorium,**
- **14th and Constitution, 1st Floor**
- **10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. **The keynote speaker is Ms. Wilma Mankiller**, former Chairperson for the Cherokee Tribe with **musical performance by Mr. Dennis Zotigh**. Food sampling will follow and a trade fair will also be available.



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